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The City of Las Vegas.

The effort made by the Observer in a recent number of the *Optic*, to convey the idea that the *Gazette* was, or is, in any way, or to any extent, hostile to the new town, East Las Vegas, will fail of its object. From before the setting of the stakes and the location of the depot grounds, this paper has continually said good things of the New Town. Neither has any hostility been exhibited to the business men of that part of the city. As each lot of ground was bought the name of the purchaser was given. As each house was commenced the name of the owner, and when it could be ascertained also that of the contractor, appeared in these columns. When a business house opened the name of the proprietor, the character of the business, and frequently the name of the salesmen and clerks were mentioned. No one could complain of being neglected, or slighted. To this rule there was one exception, one business man, prominent in his line, was overlooked. That was an oversight, regretted by the editors, but after the time had passed it could not be helped. Neither in writing up the houses was the question ever asked whether any one was, or was likely to be, a patron of this paper. The *Gazette* expressed its satisfaction with each new addition and did not ask whether it was to be a gain for the Old or the New Town; but whether the gain was to the city at large. The only thing that has been in this paper to which the most enthusiastic new-town-man could object were articles taking the position that there was no future to be a New Town and an Old Town; but that, in the future, there would be a City of Las Vegas, and that people who came here to build up that city would care nothing for divisions, but only for the success of all. That is now the mature judgment of the editor. It will be seen that when a population of twelve or fifteen thousand is concentrated here that the unoccupied ground between the two will be settled up and the old lines will be thoroughly wiped out.

Another matter may also be mentioned. The employees of the *Gazette* are each and all entitled to their own opinions. So long as such opinions are not obtruded on the readers of this paper, the editor does not feel called on to interfere, and he is a good enough democrat to be willing for every man to have his own opinions, and too good a republican to wish to bulldoze any one.

For years, long before the advent of railroad, the *Gazette* has said that here would be a city, and it still proposes to fight it out on that line, having no quarrel to make with New or Old; but being for the one city of Las Vegas, and being opposed to all efforts which have a tendency to destroy that harmony which must exist, if a city is ever built up.

The Journal's Work.

Nearly one-half of the newspapers of this country are published in this city and these in the business, by far the greatest circulation. The newspaper, even the poorest, is in a certain measure, an educator. It silently, but surely, doing its work, advancing, to some, new ideas, and teaching others to read. It is claimed by school men that children, in families where journals are taken, learn to read more readily than others without this advantage. Aside from the local or territorial influence, our papers are now being largely purchased by strangers, who read them and then mail them east, to be read and reread until completely worn out. They tell of this country, which is now exciting the greatest interest in other parts, and the result will be a rich harvest, in the way of immigration. The support given papers is bread cast upon the waters. Advertising, in this age, has ceased to be an experiment, as the statistics of Chicago and Cincinnati attest. One city with more wealth and a larger population than another, but advertising less, consequently does a smaller commercial business. Other things being equal, the merchant who adver-

tises does a far larger business than the one who disbelieves in printer's ink. Says one merchant, "the people all know me. What use have I for advertising?" It is hard for a sufferer to answer, we admit, but it is disapproved by the most successful merchants in the country. A. T. Stewart never did business too long in one place, or became too well known to cease to be the largest patron of the papers in Gotham. And the same might be said of all the successful merchants of the country. The newspapers of Las Vegas are not expensive luxuries, by any manner of means.

A few weeks since we made an inquiry concerning the planting of fall wheat in this country and were pleased to have received an answer, last week, from La Junta to said inquiry. The correspondent not only showed the possibility, but the advisability of planting fall grain. It had been tried last year, in a small way it is true, with the most flattering result. The yield was much greater than can be had from spring wheat and the quality much better. Of course the land would need to be fenced and well irrigated, but fencing at the present time, with wire, is of small cost and water for irrigating purposes, is much more plenty during the winter season than during the dry hot summer months. We hope to see this matter thoroughly tested next year.

The fight, in Virginia this year, was between the funders of debt paying party and the readjusters; the canvass was quite animated and both parties, as usual, are now claiming the election. The negroes were divided in sentiment but voted mostly with the readjusters. Such questions as this will tend to divide the negro vote and will more certainly secure to the blacks, their political rights than any legislation that can be offered. Let the negro vote once become an element of power and it will be fostered and sought after by both parties.

Dr. D. L. Laham, a recent addition to the population of this city, paid the office a visit Wednesday. He has been prospecting the country north and west of here and believes that paying leads have been found on the head of the Tecolote near here. The doctor represents a Topeka mining company with it has determined to build a smelter at Cerillos in the spring, and will be just as well pleased to invest here if the prospects are favorable.

The colored brethren in Virginia appear to be a great deal as usual, willing to pay debts as any one. In spite of the fervent appeals of the president to the people of Virginia to deal honestly many of the colored men voted for the repudiation candidates. Too bad.

Some days ago we gave an account of the arrest of a number of merchants in the Panhandle, for selling liquor. The merchants retaliated by having the marshal arrested for false imprisonment, and fined for contempt. The marshal has procured legal warrants and is bound to have his men, if all of the army has to be called out to help him.

Gen. Adams, peace commissioner, in an interview, declares that not over 100 Indians were in the fight with Fort Huachuca, that they lost thirty-nine killed, twelve whites and that they will all be surrendered for trial. He has a lot of further troubles as the peace party under "Ourry" is in complete control.

From Sherman's recent report a peace conference with the Indians has been proposed to all conferences. In fact there is an opinion that he has been opposed to peace conferences since he made terms with the Johnsons and was sat down on by Andy Johnson.

The total value of the Leadville production up to August 1st 1879, is estimated at \$9,428,420. The average monthly value of ores and bullion produced is now more than one and a quarter million dollars.

Official returns from Boston show that Butler beat Long over 5,000 votes in that city, and made gains every where throughout the state. This must go hard with the blue bloods.

Much as he regrets it, Grant can't visit New Mexico this winter.

THE BANDITS OF GLENDALE.

The supposed fate of Jesse James.

Quite a lively skirmish took place a few days ago, between the Glendale train robbers and a man by the name of Geo. Shepherd, who at one time was a member of this same gang of desperadoes but who has not associated with them since serving out a sentence in Kentucky for the robbery of the Russellville bank. Shepherd claims to have killed Jesse James and was himself severely wounded by a man by the name of Cummings. In order to get a portion of the reward offered for the capture of the Glendale robbers, Shepherd succeeded in ingratiating himself into the confidence of his old associates and at the same time made arrangements with the authorities for their destruction or capture. The gang as Shepherd found it consisted of Jesse James, Cummings, Miller and Kaufman, besides six others, who shepherd did not know. They had arranged to rob the banks at Joplin and Empire and Shepherd was sent forward to reconnoiter but found everything well guarded, he then quietly met the Clearys and R. P. Stapp, and fringed with them to obtain a piece of woods about five miles southeast of Joplin at a place called Sunday afternoon. Shepherd was then to return to the gang and go with them on their errand, and at a point near the designated place he was to shoot Jesse James and then to be chased back into the ambush and let the Clearys and Stapp shoot the others members. But this plan partially miscarried as the men finding the banks so carefully guarded determined not to make a half hearted go on and so some bank in Texas. Shepherd then determined to bring the matter to an issue so he rode up by the side of James and said to him "You killed and robbed my nephew, and now I'll avenge you." James reached for his revolver but Shepherd had anticipated this and suddenly drew a five shooter from his breast pocket and fired and shot him in the back of the right ear and James fell forward over his horse. Shepherd then whipped his horse and started back at full speed, followed by Cummings, but as the latter rode the best horse he soon gained on the former, when within range Shepherd suddenly fired but missed Cummings, when the latter fired shooting Shepherd through the leg. Shepherd then shot Cummings under the arm, inflicting a slight wound. Several rounds more were fired when the frightened horse of Shepherd carried his rider out of the combat. Several citizens claim to have seen the dead body of Jesse James after the encounter and that it was carried away by the other members of the gang. Great excitement prevails in the neighborhood.

The Cimarron *News & Press* is happy again since the Indians have been removed from Colfax county.

The Texas Pacific is said to be extending its line toward the territory by 100 miles sections. At that rate it will soon be here.

A story is told of a man who when he was a boy was told that cow boys spur. The words he used can easily be imagined.

The Mesilla *News* was a Gen. Crook sent to this territory and thinks the Apache troubles will be settled before he is long needed by the U. S.

The enthusiastic Mesilla *News* is of the opinion that New Mexico will have a population of one million in less than five years.

The Phoenix *Herald* announces that it has been officially determined to begin the terminus of the A. & S. F. Road at San Diego, California, should this be done Arizona will derive great benefit from the construction of the line.

Thursday night of last week Frank Ascarate lost about 14 mares from near his ranche. He went after them with 10 men and found they were driven towards the Mesquero Indian agency. The mares are not taken.

captors broke away and met Ascarate half way, and both were well pleased at the result.—*Mesilla News*.

Mullen, the express robber, now in jail at Las Vegas, is the same Bill Mullen who assisted in the murder of "Antelope Jack," at West Las Animas, two or three years ago and who was imprisoned for the crime in the Bent County Jail.—*Trinidad Enterprise*.

Booming.

The advertisements of the D. & R. G. railroad, in this issue for ties and grading will interest contractors and supply a large amount of work the coming winter.

National Thanksgiving.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION. Washington, Nov. 3.—The following proclamation was issued by the President to-day:

At no recurrence of the season which the devout habits of a religious people have made the occasion for giving thanks to the Almighty God and humbly invoking his continued favor, has the national prosperity enjoyed by our whole country been more conspicuous, more manifold, or more universal. During the past year also there has been unbroken peace with all foreign nations. The general prevalence of domestic tranquility, the supremacy and security of our great institutions of civil and religious freedom, have gladdened the hearts of our people, and confirmed their attachment to their government, which the wisdom and courage of our ancestors so fittingly framed, and the wisdom and courage of their descendants have so firmly maintained to be the habitation of liberty and justice to successive generations.

Now, therefore, I, Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United States do appoint Thursday, the 27th day of November, instant, as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer; and I earnestly recommend that, withdrawing themselves from secular cares and labors, the people of the United States do meet together on that day in their respective places of worship, there to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for his mercies, and to devoutly beseech their continuance.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 3d day of November, in the year of our Lord 1879, and of the Independence of the United States the 104th.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES, By the President, WM. M. EVANS, Secretary of State.

From Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 5, 1879. Henry Kissinger, Esq., Las Vegas, N. M.

Sell all goods possible, even at cost. Make room for the immense stock coming. I bought bargains, you bet. LAIRD STERN.

We are informed that Messrs. Briggs & Leighton, Mitsch, Barrett, Wicks and Dr. Owens, all of the Dry Canyon country, have made a specialer visit with the land department for the survey of government lands in their section, in order that they may enter them and secure titles. Lands throughout this portion of New Mexico are being eagerly sought after by prospective settlers and eastern immigrants, generally, and with good titles are becoming very valuable. The example set by the enterprising gentlemen who have named is a good one to follow. Have your lands surveyed and perfect your titles. *Crescent Press.*

Tennessee is democratic, sure.

Good bye, Sammy; farewell Billy; come to the States is the rising democratic star.

As winter approaches and the returns come in, the north assumes a solid aspect.

The vote in the states of Wisconsin and Nebraska show increased republican majorities.

In New York City, Robinsons majority was 10,000. Kelly received 35,000 in the city.

Massachusetts and Charles Francis Adams seem to be engaged in a real game of "freezeout." The old Bay State is certainly repaying the coldness of the son of her most favored agent.

BY TELEGRAPH.

On the Death of Gen. Hooker.

Washington, Nov. 4.—The following general order has been issued by Gen. Sherman:

The death of Major General Joseph Hooker, of the U. S. Army, which took place at Garden City, Long Island, on the 31st ult., is announced to the army. In announcing the decease of this gallant veteran, honored with the thanks of congress for his skill, energy and endurance, the general takes occasion to recall to the memory of the army the distinguished services rendered by General Hooker through the war with Mexico, as well as in the late war. His gallantry in the former gave promise of the superior courage, vigor and skill in action which has since characterized him. It is not necessary to narrate the heroism of his achievements. They are matters of familiar history, and his soldierly deeds will well excite the admiration and emulation of his surviving comrades. In honor to his memory the commandant in chief of the military division of the Atlantic will cause minute guns to be fired at Fort Columbus, and the flag be displayed at half mast during the funeral ceremony in New York City. A like honor will be paid at the Newport barracks, Kentucky, on the day of the interment. Cincinnati officers are requested to wear the badge of mourning for three days.

Nov. 4.—The residents of Norfolk, Va., carried the city of Norfolk, by 19 majority. In Portsmouth there is a tie between the readjusters and fusion candidates. At the house of delegates Major, and his friends, probably elected from the south district. The negroes voted almost unanimously with the readjusters.

Fredericksburg, Nov. 4.—The debt payers have carried the county and senatorial districts by a large majority. In the adjoining district reports to-night defeat Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, by Buf. Greenhalgh and readjuster.

Alexandria, Nov. 4.—This city gave 533 majority for debt payers candidates for the legislature which insures their election.

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